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1. SUMMARY: ANTI-AMERICAN ITEMS IN MAJOR PAKISTANI NEWS-
PAPERS HAVE CONTINUED TO DIMISH AND PAKISTAN TIMES
CONTINUES TO BE THE MAJOR CARRIER OF SUCH ARTICLES. ANTI-
AMERICAN ARTICLES IN MAY 6 PAKISTAN TIMES HAVE LARGELY
SHIFTED FROM THE FRONT TO THE BACK PAGE. MAJOR EXCEPTION
IS COVERAGE OF REMARKS BY EDUCATION MINISTER WATTO AT
MAY 5 SYMPOSIUM ON PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH. ANOTHER
CHANGE HAS BEEN THE INCREASED USE IN PAKISTAN TIMES
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OF ARTICLES FROM FOREIGN NEWS SOURCES. SCHEDULED PAKISTAN
TV PROGRAM ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION WAS NOT BROADCAST. END
SUMMARY.

2. ANTI-AMERICAN ITEMS IN MAJOR PAKISTANI NEWSPAPERS WE
RECEIVED ON MAY 6 ARE FAR FEWER THAN PREVIOUS DAY. INDEPENDENT
URDU DAILY NAWA-I-WAQT HAD NO SUCH STORIES AND JANG CARRIED

ONLY ONE SMALL ITEM OF PURELY LOCAL INTEREST. MAIN PRINT CARRIER OF SUCH ARTICLES CONTINUES TO BE THE PRESS TRUST-OWNED PAKISTAN TIMES.

3. MAY 6 PAKISTAN TIMES DIFFERS FROM EDITIONS EARLIER THIS WEEK IN THAT MOST OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES HAVE SHIFTED FROM THE FRONT TO THE BACK PAGE. THE MAJOR EXCEPTION IS "EXPOSURE OF CONSPIRACY SAVED PAKISTAN" WHICH COVERS REMARKS MAY 5 BY FEDERAL EDUCATION MINISTER MOHAMMAD YASIN WATTOO AT A RAWALPINDI SYMPOSIUM ON PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH. WATTOO TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THE PM SAVED PAKISTAN "FROM THE GRAVE THREAT POSED BY AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY" BY TAKING PAKISTAN INTO HIS CONFIDENCE. WATTOO CALLED FOR UNITY TO MEET THE EXTERNAL CHALLENGE AND DECLARED, "WE WANT A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND NOT ONE WHICH ANY OUTSIDE POWER MAY WANT TO HAVE INSTALLED." HE INDICATED THAT THE VIOLENT AGITATION IN PAKISTAN FOLLOWS LINES FAMILIAR "TO THOSE OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY'S INTELLIGENCE AGENCY" AND CHARGED THAT THE HALT OF SHIPMENT OF TEAR GAS SHELLS WOULD EFFECTIVELY FORCE THE GOP TO USE BULLETS TO HALT VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS. SAME ARTICLE COVERED MILDLY ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS BY AZAD KASHMIR PRIME MINISTER ABDUL HAMID KHAN AND THREE PPP LEGISLATORS.

4. ANOTHER CHANGE HAS BEEN THE INCREASED USE IN THE PAKISTAN TIMES OF MAY 6 OF ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES FROM FOREIGN NEWS SOURCES. EDITORIAL PAGE CARRIED "ASIAN LEADERS RAP CARTER'S HIGH 'MORALS'", BY DENNIS BLOODWORTH SENT BY AIR MAIL FROM SINGAPORE AND AN AFP WIRE TIEM ANNOUNCING THAT THE USG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSES TO RETAIN ITS TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST VIETNAM. BACK PAGE CARRIED TASS ITEM "U.S. BEHIND CRISIS IN ETHIOPIA" AND CZECH NEWS SERVICE (CETKA) ARTICLE "FBI HAND IN (MARTIN LUTHER) KINGS MURDER." ANOTHER STORY ON BACK PAGE, "CIA USED 16 AGENTS DAILY TO SPY ON (JACK) ANDERSON" APPEARS TO COME FROM AN AMERICAN NEWS SERVICE. FOURTH ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLE ON BACK PAGE IS REPORT OF STATEMENT BY A. AZIZ, SECRETARY OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA, THAT CONTINUATION OF PRESENT INSTABILITY IN PAKISTAN COULD "ONLY PLEASE IMPERIALISM."

5. CAMPAIGN IN BROADCAST MEDIA MAY 5 WAS LESS THAN ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL. THE SCHEDULED PAKISTAN TELEVISION PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR 1910 HOURS EVENING OF MAY 5 WAS NOT BROADCAST.
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